

Appl. No. 10/600,774
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REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from Claim 16.

Claims 15 and 16 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 4-6, 10, and 11 are now pending in the present application.

Rejection Under 35 USC §102(b) Over Olsen et al. (US 5,591,150)

Claims 1, 4-6, 10, 11 and 15 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Olsen et al. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to incorporate the limitations from Claim 16. Applicants therefore submit that this rejection is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 16 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to incorporate the limitations from Claim 16 (as well as Claim 15 from which Claim 16 depended). Applicants therefore submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied reference. In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendments presented herein, reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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